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ELECTION ISSUE

Salt Shed

Did you notice the two concentric circles of orange plastic tape staked out at the site of the old town garage? The inner circle marked the site of a 72 foot diameter salt shed that the selectboard has approved for construction there. The outer circle marked the edge of a 10 foot wide apron of asphalt that will encircle the shed. The Selectboard has put the project out to bid in hopes of having it completed, or at least well begun, by this June 30.

The salt shed in current use is a small, open-on-one-side shed at the old town garage site. The town has been awarded $100,000 by the state through a highway bond issue to build an environmentally sound shed. Town officials have decided to construct a large, conical shed, similar to those seen along major highways. such as one in Whately that is visible from I-91, a bit south of the Route 116 - Deerfield exit. Town officials (Selectboard, Highway Commissioners, and Road Boss) prefer the larger size, allowing room for trucks to unload and load

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Library Accessibility Project

Some time during late May or June of this year, construction will begin on long overdue access ramps at both the front and rear entrances of the Wendell Free Library. The two ramps will be joined by an asphalt sidewalk established along the edge of Montague Road and Lockes Village Road. An accessible parking space will also be created on the Montague Road side of the Library. As much as possible we have tried to make the changes in keeping with the original architecture. (If anyone had about a 1/2 square of roofing slate they'd like to donate that would greatly help with this effort.)

As renovations have occurred inside the Library during the past two years, care has been taken to create aisles wide enough to accommodate the use of a standard wheelchair. Unfortunately, there will be no interior access between the two floors beside the stairs. The project is funded through the Mass. Small Cities Program and will cost approximately $20,000. Thanks go to Regina Curtis, Wendell's Administrative Assistant, and Fran Doughty, Library Trustee, for doing the 11th hour legwork to make this project possible.

Rosie Heidkamp

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTIONS

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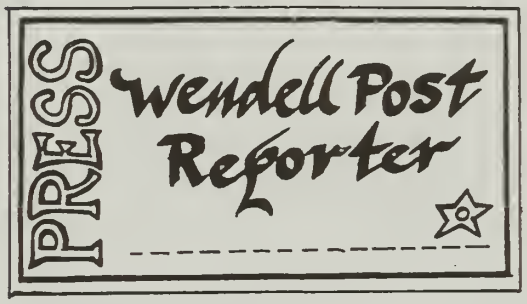
Articles: The Post welcomes signed, concise articles about topics of interest to Wendell

Letters: The Post accepts brief letters. Remember, passion doesn't need to be mean.

Artwork: Local artwork lovingly accepted. Must be in shiny black ink.



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Letters

OPEN LETTER TO RESIDENTS OF WENDELL AND NEW SALEM

Date: 4/13/95

Re: Traffic Survey

By request of the residents on Wendell Rd., the New Salem Police Department recently ran a traffic speed survey. The survey was set up on Wendell Rd. in the area of the Swift River School. The reason for the survey was the concern of local residents for the speed of traffic in the area while the school was in session.

As a result of that concern on March 30, 1995 between 7:30 am and 8:30 am the cruiser was set up at the school and traffic was monitored by radar for one hour. It should be noted that the area by the school is posted as a 20-mile-per-hour zone. Also the period covered is the time staff, school buses, and parents who transport their children to school, come and go.

The following statistics are a result of that survey.

Traffic was clocked in both directions on Wendell Rd.

A total of 36 vehicles were clocked during the one-hour time frame.

The cruiser was parked approx. 50 feet in fron of the 20 mph sign located east of the school entrance.

Twenty-one vehicles were heading in a westerly direction, 8 of those vehicles turned into the school.

Fifteen of these vehicles were heading in an easterly direction, 8 of which also turned into the school.

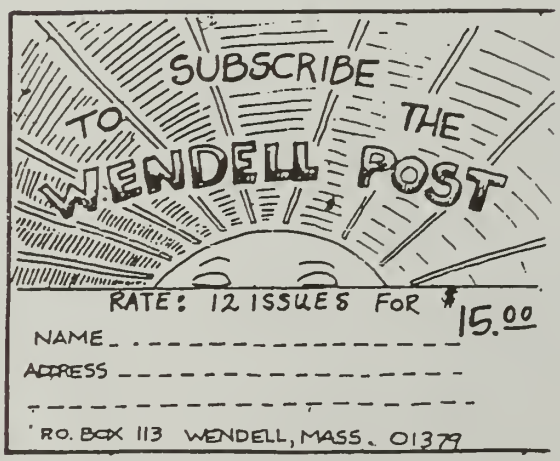
When all was said and done, 8 of the vehicles remained at the school.

Highest speed was 47 MPH
Lowest speed was 19 MPH

AVERAGE SPEED FOR THE 36 VEHICLES WAS 31.62 mph or almost 12 MPH OVER THE LIMIT.

As you can see, the communities' concerns are justified. Both the New Salem and Wendell Police Departments urge you to take notice and use caution when arriving or leaving the school. IT IS IMPORTANT TO THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF OUR CHILDREN.

Police Officers of
New Salem & Wendell



To the Wendell Post:

Is there any chance that we could have a new basketball hoop and a backboard at the playground in the center of town?

It looks like someone slam-dunked it and the backboard is cracked.

Thanks!

Eric Dew

(The Post Staff replies:)

Eric, we've figured out a way! The Wendell Post staff will try to start replacing the hoop very soon. Annie Diemand will donate a hoop; Josh Heinemann will donate plywood for a backboard; the Diemand Egg Farm will donate paint.

We still need a BASKETBALL NET and some help. If you can help, please contact Annie Diemand of the Recreation Commission at 544-6111.

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

Our second cultural journey of the year began on March 20th. Celebrating Greece is in full swing now. This all-school exploration of Greece includes workshops on story telling and theater with Erin Williams, visual arts projects with Kerry Verney-Stone and Lydia Grey, dance instruction with Sophia Bilides who also designed the Greek music and percussion workshops with Ed Hines and Tony Vacca. We will be bringing in guest speakers such as Maurine Manning who will speak on archeology, Sophia Theoharis will talk about Greek food preparation, and we are hoping to find someone who could share some knowledge on Grecian architecture.

On Tues. April 4th, the whole school enjoyed a most informative and professional concert of Greek music performed by Sophia Bilides and her husband Tom Babbins.

May 19th is the day we are planning a Greek pageant when dances will be performed along with theater projects, songs, and visual arts which will emerge from our studies.

If you or someone you know is interested in helping in any of the above areas, or if you'd be interested in helping to make Greek food, or costumes, or help to construct stage sets, or supervise Olympic games, etc. for the pageant, please let us know. Celebrating Diversity offers many opportunities for you to get involved with the school, and the school would like more community support for this most enriching program.

This project is funded in part by the New Salem and Wendell Cultural Council as well as the Mass. Cultural Council (a state agency which receives support from the National Endowment for the arts) and Franklin County Business Funds for the Arts.

Salt Shed (cont. from p.1)

salt and sand out of the weather. The diameter of the shed will be 72', floored with asphalt extending out in a 10' wide apron. (The smaller size has a 62' diameter.) The height of either building is c. 35'. The first six feet will be a 1' thick concrete wall; above that will be plywood panels in a conical shape covered with asphalt shingles. A large opening will permit easy egress by trucks delivering sand and salt and by town trucks loading the salt/sand mixture. Charles Smith, Conservation Commission member, described the edifice sited at the old town garage as an "alien space ship on a treeless plain."

Town officials are in agreement about the need for a new shed as the old one, open to the elements, is difficult for the town crew to work in and can potentially pollute the ground water in a sensitive area. (Charles Smith pointed out that a three-way divide exists in Wendell on a neighboring piece of land that is currently owned by Pasquale Campagnone; water from that point runs north towards the Millers River and the Connecticut River, southeast into the West Branch of the Swift River and the Quabbin, and southwest into Plymptom Creek, thence to Lake Wyola, the Sawmill River, and the Connecticut.) The new shed will not only provide a place to store salt under cover, but will enable the town crew to mix salt and sand in a dry area.

The advantages to siting the shed at the old town barn include easy access for trucks with good visibility as they enter and exit, a flat terrain, no change is use, and the fact that salt has been stored there for years without polluting neighbors' wells. (However, several wells in the center of Wendell including the new one for the Town Hall are salt-polluted).

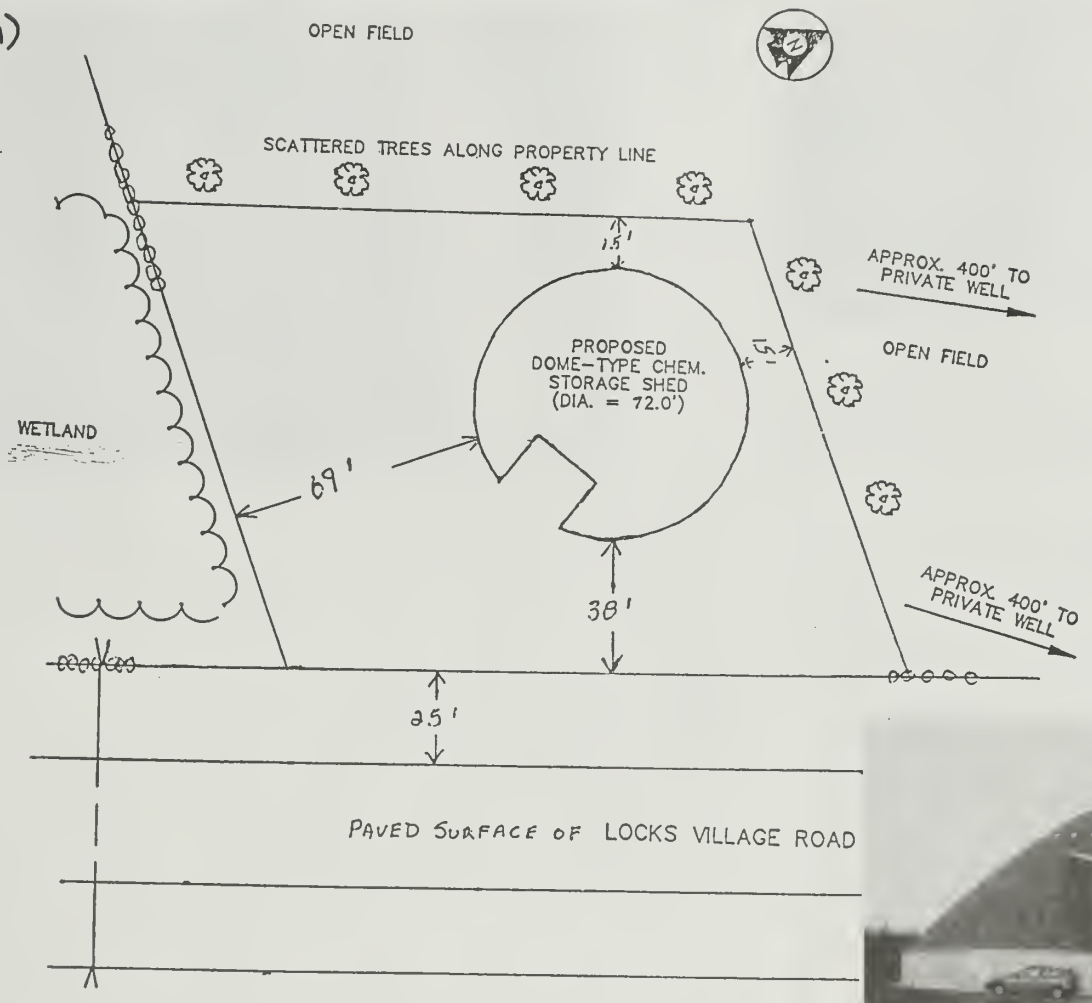
Several other sites for this imposing structure have been suggested and rejected. The new town barn site is close to three wells, according to Harry Williston, Highway Commissioner, and is restricted by an agreement with the neighbors not to remove more trees and by existing stone walls. Putting the new salt shed there uses all available space, restricting further growth of the highway and fire departments.

Other potential sites that were discussed include the WRATS on New Salem Road and the "Phelps lot" on Montague Road adjoining the Wendell State Forest. These sites share the difficulty of being located down, and then back up, steep hills from the town garage; our highway crew would be need to drive those hills in icy weather in order to access the salt necessary to make the roads safe.

Anne Zak, Selectperson, is actively seeking other sites. She'd like the town to purchase or trade land that would be more suitable either north or south of Wendell Center. Anne describes the Selectboard's decision to approve the old town barn site as "very painful" for her since a salt shed so close to the Center and so visible from the road would "alter the character of Wendell Center." Plantings such as a screen of poplar trees have been suggested to soften the effect. Highway Boss Dan Bacigalupo feels that the old town barn site makes the most sense and has proposed that a mural be painted on the shed's sidewall. Anne asks that if townspeople have other ideas or suggestions they speak up quickly.

Two hearings are scheduled on the salt shed. The Conservation Commission has written a letter rejecting the old town barn site and will have a hearing on Tuesday, April 18 at 10 a.m. in the Town Hall. The Planning Board Hearing on Tuesday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Offices will address the variances needed for existing zoning laws concerning setback requirements from the road and from existing boundaries.

Christine Heard



PROPOSED LOCATION
AT FORMER HIGHWAY GARAGE SITE
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Wendell Selectboard Meeting February 14, 1995 - Minutes -
Board members present were: Ted Lewis, Margo Culley and Anne Zak. Also present were Doug Turner and Elizabeth Scully
The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. Minutes were read and approved. Correspondence was reviewed.

Danny Bacigalupo attended the meeting to discuss the Shade Tree Act in response to Trudy Smith. Mr. Bacigalupo said the trees removed from the scenic roads and the Town Common were diseased. It was suggested by the Selectboard that trees to be removed will be marked in future and the Town will hold a yearly Tree Hearing in mid November.

Mr. Bacigalupo, Wendell's Road Commissioner, approved the JDB engineering contract for Jennison Rd. and the Board signed it.

The Board reviewed a report from Stan Rosenberg's office regarding negotiations between the state and a landowner concerning the new Wendell cemetery.

The Board will respond to Paul Rich's second letter of complaint about his neighbors dogs. They will also write to the dog owners to inform them of Mr. Rich's concerns.

The Board signed the Emergency Finance Board's approval.

Ms. Culley gave a brief report on the Union #28 meeting she attended. The Budget and Contract were approved and the Superintendent's evaluation was noted.

The Selectboard voted to appoint Eric Wight as Building

Inspector for the Town of Wendell. Ms. Scully notified Mr. Wight and Anna Hartjens, Town Clerk, of the appointment.

All prospective nominees for elections must take out papers by March 13, 1995. Election Day is May 1, 1995 and April 11, 1995 is the last day to register to vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

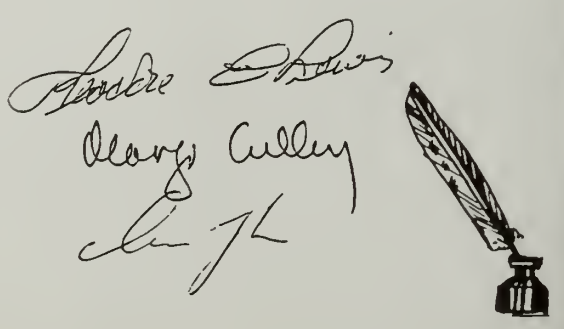
Wendell Selectboard Meeting February 21, 1995 - Minutes -
The meeting convened at 7:00p.m. Members present were: Margo Culley and Ted Lewis.Anne Zak was ill and unable to attend.
Minutes were read and approved and warrants were signed. Correspondence was reviewed.
Mr. Ebersole, the Director of Community Services from the state and Donna Cote from FCRHA attended the meeting to discuss Block Grant regulations. Mr. Ebersole said Wendell should expect:
... timely and accurate technical help for the town treasurer
... timely payments
... two field visits
... written technical plan
... compliance monitoring
... training workshops (general policies,fiscal reports etc.)
He said the state's expectations are:
... that the town hires an organization such as FCRHA to manage the grant
... town employees attend the workshops
... that we consult their manual
... that staff be available when they come from Boston
... that problems are brought to light in a timely manner
... that all programs are completed on time
Mr. Ebersole also said there would be more money available this year and that it may be used for infrastructure work (roads and dry hydrants, etc.)
Applications for the Block Grants are due in April with an August deadline and the date of July 7th for amendments.
Michael Idoine met with the Selectboard to discuss the Swift River School Reimbursement.
The meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting February 28, 1995 - Minutes -
The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were: Anne Zak, Margo Culley and Ted Lewis. Minutes were read and approved and correspondence was reviewed.
Joe Laur attended the meeting to request a refund from Town Hall rental fee since he was forced to cancel because of poor weather. The Board agreed to his request.
The Board received a letter from the Summer Food Service Program which they will pass on to Gail Krutka for her summer school program.
The Board reviewed the agenda for the School Committee's meeting scheduled for March 3, 1995.
A notice was received re Franklin County Training for local Planning and Zoning Boards.
Representative Steve KUlik will hold office in Wendell from 1:30 to 2:30 on March 3, 1995.
The Board received a request for public records from Paul Rich. Regina Curtis will respond with copies as per his request.
A DPU notice of Inquiry re electric restructuring was received.
The meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting March 6, 1995 - Minutes -
The Meeting convened at 7:00p.m. All Board members were present. Also present were: Regina Curtis and Elizabeth Scully. Minutes were read and approved and warrants were signed. Correspondence was reviewed.
A letter was received from Attorney Peter Richards James re: Wendell DSWM Landfill and Escrow Account.
May 1st through May 6th is Local Government Week. Towns are asked to sponsor Grass roots events. Wendell will have Election Day that week.
The CDC is starting and Overall Economic Development Committee and are looking for members.
Engineering reports were received re the culvert on Wendell Depot Rd. and the salt shed. A letter to the abutters of both sites will be sent and a Public Hearing will be held to decide the location of the salt shed.
Margo Culley gave a short report on the Swift River School Committee meeting.
The Board appointed Debbie Lapinsky as the Wendell Animal Inspector.
Friends of the Wendell Public Library,Fran Doughty, Sylvia Wetherby and Rosie Heidcamp, met with the Board to discuss plans to hire a part-time worker for the summer Reading program for children.
The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting March 14, 1995 - Minutes -
The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were: Margo Culley, Anne Zak, Ted Lewis. Minutes were read and approved. Warrants were signed and correspondence was reviewed.
Anne Zak gave a positive report on the STAR Meeting she and Regina Curtis attended on March 9, 1995 at the Northampton Court House.
The Board received a note from Mason Phelps regarding the fact that the Town Hall Door was found unlocked and ajar on two separate occasions. The Board will request that all Department heads be aware of this and that they alert their staff.
Board members perused a newsletter from the Mass. Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Board.
A Pole Hearing for Bear Mountain Road was held at 7:30p.m. There were no objections to the NYNEX plans to remove one pole and add two new ones on the Koehler property.
The Board reviewed the amended budget of the Franklin County Tech School.
There will be a meeting of the Mahar Budget review on March 21, 1995.
A Salt Shed Public Hearing is scheduled for March 21, 1995 at 7:30p.m. in the Wendell Senior Center.
Ted Lewis will sign a letter requesting MHD Funding for the Wendell Depot Bridge construction.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.
Respectfully submitted
Elizabeth Scully
Selectboard Clerk



Interview With Shunji Morimoto

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Wendell area residents who are seeking bodywork and/or alternative health care, will be happy to learn (if they haven't yet heard!) that we now have a skilled shiatsu master living among us.

Shunji Morimoto, who is a native of Japan, moved to Wendell last Fall with his wife, Lena, who is a midwife, and their three children Yuya, Miya and Sen. Shunji offers in-depth, healing shiatsu massage treatments from his own home at very reasonable rates and is still accepting new clients.

Shiatsu is an ancient healing art which has its origins in India, spread to China several thousand years ago and to Japan in about 1000 A.D.

According to Shunji, shiatsu works to balance the "ki" or "chi" which is the flow of energy in the body. He explained, "if energy flows smoothly (along the meridians or energy lines) there is health in the body, but if the energy is stuck somewhere, there will be a lack elsewhere and imbalance and sickness will result."

With shiatsu, the emphasis has always been on prevention and health maintenance. "In ancient China, doctors practicing shiatsu were paid for keeping people well; they were supposed to see the signs of illness before it became serious and they were not paid when patients became sick," said Shunji.

Although its roots are in antiquity, shiatsu remains very popular in modern Japan. Shunji explained that, "today Japanese people obtain free care through the nationalized health system first, but many then seek out shiatsu if they are dissatisfied or are told that their condition is 'untreatable'". He went on to say that, "there are also many people in Japan who are in good health and obtain regular treatments because they are convinced that shiatsu will keep them healthy and promote long life."

Shunji emphasizes that shiatsu is a wholistic healing art, and one of its basic principles is that the functions of the mind and body cannot be separated. "Some people think that bodywork is only for the body, but it has benefits for the mind too," he said. "One of my teachers in Kyoto also worked at a mental hospital in Okinawa giving shiatsu treatments to patients there."

According to Shunji, among the conditions for which shiatsu can offer immedate relief are stress, muscular tension and sprains, headaches, and back problems such as lumbago, spasms and pain. The symptoms of chronic and even terminal illness can also be treated by shiatsu.

Shunji becan the study and practice of shiatsu 15 years ago in San Francisco where he studied with the Buddhist monk, Yamoto. It began as a hobby but grew into a business when a friend asked him to assist in his massage practice in 1983. Later that year Shunji left San Francisco to attend the Eye of the Buddha Shiatsu School in Kyoto, Japan. After graduating in 1986 he obtained his license and continued practicing at a clinic in Kyoto while pursuing furthur studies privately with shiatsu master Ryokyo Endo.

Shunji practices a form of shiatsu called Masunaga style or Zen shiatsu. He works from his home on Plain road and offers long, 90-minute plus sessions at a standard fee of 50 dollars which is sometimes open to negotiation. He is also available for housecalls when transportation can be provided, and offers instruction in easy techniques that can be practiced in the family. Shunji prefers working during school hours on weekdays, but sessions at other times can also be arranged. Shunji's telephone number is: 544-2375.

Beth McConnell

WHAT IS DEEPWOODS SOFTWARE?

Deepwoods Software is a small shareware and consulting business owned and operated by Robert Heller, who has been working full and part time as the main "Systems Guru" for the Computer Vision Lab of the Computer Science Dept of the University Of Massachusetts Amherst for better than 10 years.

Over the years, I have become very fluent in a number of programming languages and operating systems, including FORTRAN, LISP, C, C++, VAX Assembler, CDC Cyber Compass, the gory inner workings typical of LISP interpreters and compilers, the details of writing a VAX/VMS device driver, graphics libraries, data base libraries, and many more things.

If you have a problem involving system issues, graphics issues, or data base issues, I have probably had to deal with it at one time or another and can very likely come up with a simple and efficient answer. Drop me an E-Mail message at one of the E-Mail addresses below. Or give me a call at 508-544-6933.

I also write shareware. I have one program presently available, *Home Librarian*, a package for maintaining a database for all those books, tapes, and records around the home. I have two other packages presently in the works: a complete *Model Railroad system* which will include a CAD sub-system, a dispatching sub-system, as well as a collection of other useful model railroading utilities and a data base program for Role Playing gamers which is a database system for maintaining the (tons) of information RPG gamers need to maintain.

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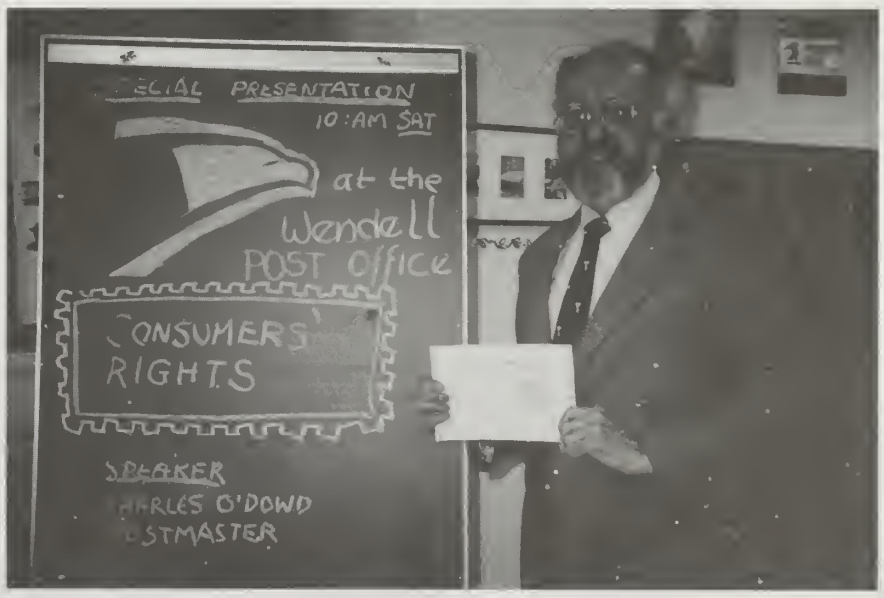
Robert Heller



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Nancy Spittle	
PLANNING BOARD	5 years
Shirley White	
MODERATOR	1 year
Kathy Becker	
CONSTABLE	3 years
David Wilder	
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER	3 years
Daniel Bacigalupo	
ROAD COMMISSIONER	3 years
Harry Williston	
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3 years
Jean Forward	
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3 years
Carolyn Manley	
TREE WARDEN	1 year
Daniel Bacigalupo	
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 years
Francis Doughty	
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 years
Virginia Schimmel	
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	2 years
Christine Ewell	
BOARD OF HEALTH	1 year
Janee Stone	
ROAD COMMISSIONER	1 year
Harold Burnett	
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	1 year
Jan Stiefel	

Candidates' Statements

KEN SIMOS

MARGO CULLEY
incumbant

SELECTBOARD
3yr Term

The Route 2 realignment, driven forward by economics, is coming to Wendell. Further resistance is futile. It is wrong to involve the town in opposition to it.

It will link industrial parks from Gardner to Greenfield and provide long sought rapid transit to the east coast ports. Jobs, business opportunities and rising property values will benefit us all. Anne Zak must step aside and allow Ted Lewis to negotiate terms, which will be most generous, or resign, and with her associates, proceed as as private citizen.

Doors will be closed. America is in deep trouble and needs this project. The county Democrats are attempting to Republicanize themselves for '96; environmental friendships are no longer expedient for them. Carmen Buell won't be returning phone calls from Wendell.

Any legal challenge to the road would need table stakes of about $20,000; an override is out of the question. National conservation groups, once most vocal, have been decimated. They can contribute little more than vexing letters. What is more important is that there is ample legal precedent for Erving to turn aside even an upgrade. Once defeated, Wendell's ability to shape terms will vanish. Going to court is the wrong thing to do.

It's over and just as well. Too many people inside and outside of Wendell have used it for their own purposes; much to our great suffering. Leave us alone and maybe we can prosper.

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My deep respect for our current group of elected and appointed officials, board members, employees, and volunteers who work together as a team on behalf of the Town has led me to agree to run for a third term on the Selectboard. I wish to remain a part of that team. Each of us brings different skills and qualities of character to town government as we work together to manage the present and shape the future of public life in Wendell.

I am certainly not a "one issue" candidate. The Selectboard has statutory responsibilities for town warrants, appointments, and hiring; but even more important is its responsibility to set a tone for town government. The current board has attempted to create an atmosphere of openness to the will of the voters, cooperation with town departments, and respect for the diversity of our citizenry. Our greatest resource as a Town is the energy, creativity, and generosity of our citizens. I see one of my roles on the Board to encourage, facilitate, and *appreciate* the contributions of so many to our civic life.

Wendell's other greatest resources are the state-owned lands within our borders and our schools. One of the Selectboard's most challenging tasks is the daunting financial challenges of maintaining these treasures. We must continue to articulate how the State's refusal to compensate the town adequately with Payment in Lieu of Taxes for public lands severely impacts our ability to maintain quality schools. Financial pressures may also lead the board to explore questions of which services now provided within town might be best suited to regionalization.

I expect to continue to work with the Board on health issues in Wendell (including problems facing some of our senior citizens) and to keep a close watch on the low level nuclear waste siting process. We will also be focusing on issues of economic development as we hire a planning consultant under the Local Partnership Grant. We will continue to cooperate with the Town of Erving in efforts to upgrade Route 2 that respect protected lands in Wendell and Erving. Also high on the Board's agenda are the uses of town buildings and properties (including the design of our long-awaited new cemetery); the condition of our infra-structure (roads and bridges); our emergency communications; and resources needed by our police and fire departments.

To all these impressive challenges I hope to bring a (mostly) level head, good humor, and a spirit of cooperation.

Margo Culley

★ CANDIDATE STATEMENTS ★

~ Continued ~

~BOARD OF HEALTH~

JANEE STONE

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

As a health care professional (RN), a MOM, and for 25 years a resident of Wendell where our children have been growing and thriving, I appreciate the importance of the Board of Health. Living happily and responsibly in relationship with our neighbors and the land are goals that apply to all Wendellites. The Board of Health helps to see that these goals are realized. Serving on the BOH in recent years has been an educational as well as useful way for me to offer time - to benefit the people and the land in town.

As an appointee to the BOH last year upon our return from SCOTLAND, I am now seeking election for one year (replacing Sharon Gensler). Along with the regular BOH meetings and duties, I have been trained to make the yearly inspections of our schools and stores. Most recently I have attended the new Title 5 Environmental Code Seminars - effective as of this month.

To strive for safety, health, and balance while living happily in Wendell is a goal for my serving on the Board of Health.

Thanx for your vote!

~ MODERATOR ~

KATHY BECKER

My re-election statement is always the belief that taking part in community democracy is actually public health. Coming together to think things over together, to respectfully talk things out face to face, and to finally vote according to conscience makes Wendell a safer and better place to live.

Any vote taken by majority means that there is a balance taking place. Ideas get weighed and the scale tips.

Town Meeting is important to me; it contains a practical application of an idealistic vision held in common by the wise ones back through time. The person acting as Moderator of this ancient, venerable, basic form of democracy must take on the duty of becoming a completely neutral pivot point for discussion. This duty includes quietly over-seeing that the meeting process remains safe, focused.

To avoid war,
the ancient ones
left their spears
at the door.

Respectfully, Kathy Becker, R.N.

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~WENDELL SCHOOL~ COMMITTEE

CHRISTINE EWELL

Hi! My name is Christine (Chris) Ewell.I am running for a two year term on the Wendell School Committee. I've lived on Stone Road in Wendell with my husband David Ewell since 1984. I have four children, John 24, Candice 19, David 10, and Keri 8. David and Keri are students at Swift River School. David is in fifth grade and Keri is in the third grade.

I substitute at Swift River School as often as I can. I volunteer for Swift River Gymnastics every year as well as Field Day. This year I am class coordinator for the third grade class.

My children are my first priority. I want to be involved with all aspects of their lives. Right now their education is the most important to me. Now is the time for them to develope good, basic learning skills. These skills will stay with them all of their lives. Without a strong education there isn't going to be much of a future for us or them.

I feel that by being on the Wendell School Committee I can help make Swift River a strong school where my children will have a positive learning experience. I want the school to be the best it can be for my children and all of the children in Wendell and New Salem.

JAN STIEFEL

I would like to continue to serve on the school committee. I have served since being appointed to fill a vacancy in September 1994. I have two children, a 5-year-old and an 8 month old, and care very much about the quality of education our community's children will receive. I value open communication, honesty and community spirit and, if I continue to serve on the School Committee, welcome input from all. I have learned a lot about the school and town government these past several months and look forward to learning more and being able to make more of a contribution in the future.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

CAROLYN MANLEY

withdrawing

Swift River Gym Show

~ PLANNING BOARD ~

SHIRLEY WHITE

After a short one-year term on the Planning Board, I'm up for re-election to a 5-year term. I'm interested in land use and taxation issues as alternative avenues for raising revenues to lessen the tax burden in Wendell. This includes encouraging local enterprises while preserving the rural character/culture of our town. In the past year I've been the Planning Board representative to the meetings of the "Partnership Program", the HUD-sponsored grant for local economic development. I look forward to serving the whole community through this position.

LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE

The Local Partnership Grant Program, for those yet unfamiliar with it, is a project initiated by the Executive Office of Communities and Development (EOCD) to provide economically challenged communities with an opportunity to analyze, plan and implement effective methods to assist economic development.

Thanks to the dedication and commitment of several community members, the planning committee has succeeded in obtaining a substantial grant toward the research and analysis segment of this project. This is indeed an exciting milestone, as it will allow the town, through the project committee, to hire a professional Development Research consulting firm to provide information and analysis from which to project the most effective means of building our local economy.

Emphasis in this first year of the 2-year project is on information-gathering, which will be conducted by the consulting firm. The primary goal here is to receive input from the community, especially business owners and the self-employed, as to their needs, obstacles, and ideas for long-range development.

As Wendell has highly diverse social, political and economic strata, it is especially important that opinions, views and suggestions come from the widest possible spectrum of citizens, a primary goal in the planning process.

From this information and other assessment tasks, the committee and consultants will in the second year evaluate the most effective strategies for building the vitality of our community. There are additional grants/funds that may be applied for then which, if approved, could further facilitate project implementations.

The Partnership Program Committee is currently in the process of selecting and interviewing various consulting firms for suitability to the project, at which time the opinions and suggestions of businesses and individuals will be actively sought. With such a variety of perspectives and abilities integrated within Wendell's economic framework, it is essential that as many voices as possible be heard so that concomitant strengths and weaknesses can be accurately assessed. In this way, we can all be a part of shaping the economic growth of our town.

For further details, please contact Regina Curtis at the Town Offices.

WENDELL FIRE DEPT. INCIDENTS

2/12/95	#1	Mutual Aid	Leverett
2/16/95	#2	Structure Fire	99 New Salem Rd.
2/17/95	#3	Rekindle	99 New Salem Rd.
2/25/95	#4	Mutual Aid	Shutesbury
2/27/95	#5	Medical Call	Old Stage Rd.
3/7/95	#6	Medical Call	Lake Grove School
3/10/95	#7	Medical Call	Stone Rd.
3/20/95	#8	Medical Call	Lake Grove School
3/23/95	#9	Medical Call	8 Davis Rd.
3/26/95	#10	Illegal Campfire	Old Farley Rd.
3/30/95	#11	Medical Call	Lake Grove School
4/1/95	#12	Medical Call	21 Center st.
4/5/95	#13	Branch on Wires	Mormon Hollow/Farley Rd.
4/9/95	#14	Chimney Fire	57 Old Stage Rd.

This feed bin was knocked over in the high winds of April 5, 1995. It is the turkey feed bin at the Diemand Farm in Wendell.

SIGN OF THE TIMES. This is a familiar sign of spring, seen on Locks Hill Rd.

WENDELL WEATHER

	FEB	MAR
Avg H Temp(*)	33(34)	49(45)
Avg L Temp	12(12)	27(23)
Mean	22.1	37.9
Avg Mean(89-94)	22.8	33.7
Rain(")	1.20	1.64
Snow(")	14.25	0

* - Average monthly H and L temperatures for 1989 - 94.

Winter finally arrived in Feb. with the only significant snowfall(12") on the 4th followed by four days with below 0° readings.

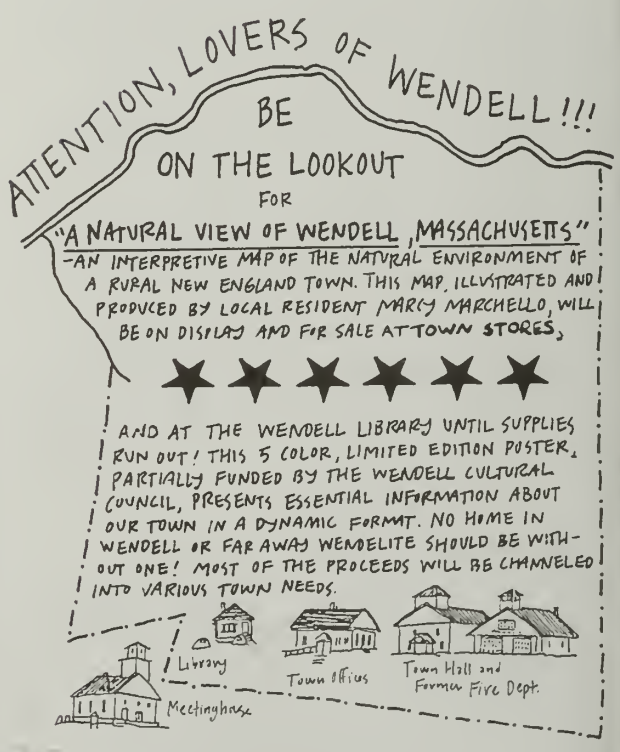
March was the warmest (4° above average) and driest I have on record. It was also the first snowless March, in contrast to March 1993 when 48" of snow fell, which is almost 15" more than fell this entire winter (33.75", 11/94 - 3/95).

As of this writing(4/11) April's mean is about 8° below average.

1994 Summary

	Avg H	Avg L	Mean	Rain	Snow
Jan	25	2	13.9	1.65	34.0
Feb	31	9	19.9	0.30	18.25
Mar	42	23	32.4	3.10	23.5
Apr	58	34	46.5	3.80	
May	67	41	54.1	4.05	
June	77	56	66.6	1.40	
July	82	63	72.4	8.55	
Aug	76	55	66.0	5.50	
Sept	68	49	58.4	4.35	
Oct	60	37	48.4	1.35	
Nov	52	31	42.1	2.90	5.0
Dec	41	22	31.0	2.60	4.5
Total	57	35	46.1	39.55	85.25

Bill Lafley



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NEWS FROM THE SWIFT RIVER SCHOOL

Conflict Resolution

Our Conflict Resolution Workshop at the school, on April 27th from 7:00 to 9:00 PM will help us learn about how to resolve conflicts quickly, easily and fairly. This particular workshop will focus on the needs of families, but the ideas and techniques are universal for dealing effectively with all types of conflict. Everyone is welcome.

The workshop is sponsored by the Swift River School's P.T.C.A. and will be led by Cheryl Fox of Franklin Mediation Service in Greenfield.

There will be refreshments in the form of a bake sale to help defray costs for the evening, and free childcare for those who register.

Please call Molly Kaynor at 544-7864 if you're interested, or if you have questions. We would like to get an idea of how many might be there for this most valuable evening.

COMMON CENTS PENNY DRIVE for SWIFT RIVER SCHOOL

Our Common Cents jars are filling up! Thank you for all of that spare change! Every penny counts, and our classrooms are counting them. Our teachers are looking forward to that extra money to do something special for our kids, so when you are at the Country Store, or the Post Office, throw a few coins into our jug. Maybe we can break last year's record of $488!

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Wendell Old Home Day

Wendell Old Home Day is scheduled for July 8. The parade starts at 10 am. There will be music, games, crafts, arts, food and fun times to be had for all. We are still in the planning stages so any and all help is welcome. Call Annie Diemand 544-6111 or Karen Copeland 544-7352 for more information.

Well Fund

The Wendell Well Fund is planning its next fundraising event. Ina LeVangie has donated a handmade stain glass hanging. It will be displayed at the Wendell Country Store and be raffled off at Wendell Old Home Day. For ticket info call Anne Diemand or Ted Lewis.

WENDELL COUNTRY STORE THANK YOU

SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS

The Wendell Country Store has generously offered support to Swift River children by donating 2% of collected sales receipts to the school. Starting on March 1, 1995, Wendell Country Store receipts may be turned in to classroom teachers or to the Main Office and money generated from them will be used for purchase of computer software. Thanks to the Scutaris and Rossers for this cooperative endeavor. Now, supporting this local business can also help out the local school children. Let's start collecting and sending in those receipts!!

ticket Raffle Tickets

Anyone who would like to improve the playground at the Swift River School can help by buying or selling some of our raffle tickets. Every ticket sold is guaranteed to help improve our Swift River School playground, so you can't lose! You can get tickets at the school office or a Swift River School student. (By the way, if you happen to be extra lucky on the day of the drawing, which will be May 3rd, you might win one of the many gifts which have been offered by some of our most generous community members.)

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LIBRARY NEWS

Library Summer Reading Program

The Wendell Free Library will hold an eight-week Saturday morning Summer Reading Program starting June 17 through August 12. It will be for post-first grade through pre-seventh grade children. Kids too old for the program are encouraged to apply as volunteer program assistants.

This year's statewide Summer Reading Program theme is READING IS NATURAL. The Wendell Program which is scheduled to run from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. will include some story-time as well as crafts and activities based on the theme.

The Library Trustees are currently in the process of hiring a program coordinator. An adult volunteer will also be needed to staff the circulation desk during the program hours.

Due to the small size of the Library, enrollment will be limited to 10 children. Please keep an eye out for further announcement and registration information.

Rosie Heidkamp

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Cultural Council Grants

Last October, for its Fiscal Year 1995 funding cycle, the Wendell Cultural Council (WCC) received 16 Local Cultural Council (LCC) grant requests for cultural projects to be held in Wendell or nearby and 5 Performing Arts Student Series (PASS) grant requests for local school children to attend special theater events at two performing arts centers, Shea Theater, Turners Falls and UMA Amherst Fine Arts Center (PASS grants are also available for visits to art, humanities and science museums and centers). These 21 FY '95 grant requests totaled $7,453.

For the first time in several years the Mass. Cultural Council (MCC) was able to increase its annual allocation to the LCCs. Wendell's share was increased to $3,000 from $2,000. Some of this LCC/PASS support comes to the MCC from the National Endowment for the Arts (as well as from less than 1% of Megabucks lottery revenues).

WCC members Fran Doughty, Bob Ellis, Marcelle Feltman, Jake Graton, Gloria Kegeles, Ann Marie Meltzer, Kim Noyes and Ina Phelps reviewed all of these applications in advance, met on November 3rd for further review and were able to give initial approval for full or partial funding to 8 LCC and 4 PASS grant requests for a total of $3,531. The 12 applications were then sent to the MCC in Boston for final approval which they all received in late March.

The grantees, their grants, project titles and descriptions are as follows (those marked with an asterisk (*) requested only partial funding from the WCC and are also relying on other sources of income such as other LCCs, state agencies, private donors and/or admission fees):

*TOM WEBLER, Environmental Studies Teacher/consultant and HEATHER LENZ, Artist/illustrator - $450 LCC grant - FILM SERIES for adults, a non-profit monthly series of 6 entertaining films not readily available on video or in local cinemas which enhance environmental, cultural and historical awareness. They will be shown at the Wendell Town Hall, Oct. '95 - Mar. '96.

*JEANIE SCHERMESSER, Artist/art teacher - $500 LCC grant - ART CLASSES and SATURDAY WORKSHOPS at the Art Loft in Erving, on a seasonal schedule, for students of all ages. Each class is 2 hrs. long and meets once weekly for 4 weeks. Cost is $75 per student, but this grant will allow a $35 partial "scholarship ". Each Sat. workshop is $30 per student and this grant will provide a $15 partial "scholarship". Call 544-0223 for further details.

SALLY ALLEY MUFFIN STUFFIN, Puppeteer - $600 LCC grant - The HUMAN BODY / A THEATRICAL EXPERIENCE theatre workshops at the Swift River School in Mar. and April '95 for 3rd and 4th grade students who have been studying the human body in class. With Sally they will explore expression, movement, rhythm and music for 2 hrs., 2 times weekly for 6 weeks, culminating in a daytime performance for the entire school and an evening performance for the community.

*NO. QUABBIN ADULT EDUCATION CENTER (NQAEC) - $200 LCC grant - "FROM OUR EYES" - DRAMA WORKSHOPS produced in collaboration with the 1794 Meetinghouse for 60 teens and adults, 3 sessions of 10 to 15 workshops (depending on funding), Oct. '94 - June '95, addressing social conflict issues, led by Erin Williams with support from musician Tony Vacca, visual artist Linda Ruel-Flynn and videographer Beth Mattison at the NQAEC in Orange. Contact person - Pat Larson - tel. 544-8917.

*1794 MEETINGHOUSE , INC. - $300 LCC grant - "ASPIRE TO THE ARTS" a series of up to 8 (depending on funding) musical theater and spoken word performances emphasizing multicultural experiences; for an audience and participants of all ages; under the direction of Erin Williams at the 1794 Meetinghouse in New Salem; beginning in May and ending in Sept. '95; featuring artists Tony Vacca & Tim Moran, Steven Schoenberg, the African, Brazilian, Caribbean Theater and others to be announced. The 1794 Meetinghouse programming committee welcomes community input for this and other programs. Tel. 544-2643.

*1794 MEETINGHOUSE INC. - $400 LCC grant - QUABBIN VALLEY PRO MUSICA (QVPM) CONCERTS by QVPM (a regional chorus which includes singers of all ages) in June '95 at the 1794 Meetinghouse in New Salem and at another local space, to be announced, in Jan.'96. Repertoire will include traditional, classical and contempory selections for mixed voice and all women choral selections. This project will provide a venue for the novice as well as the professional singer to participate. Under the artistic direction of conductor Laurel Manning with accompanist Janet Paoletti.

*R. C. MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL - $500 LCC grant - "CELEBRATING DIVERSITY - MAHAR" is the third year of multicultural, interdisciplinary arts programming for Jan.-June '95, produced by the 1794 Meetinghouse in collaboration with Mahar Regional School under the direction of Erin Williams; includes up to 60 half day residencies of hands-on cultural workshops and performances exploring Japanese and Greek traditions through dance, theater, music and visual arts, actively engaging students, staff and community members, as well as artists Sophia Bilides, Motoko, Tony Vacca and/or Tim Moran and Erin Williams. The project will culminate in school events open to the public. Contact person - Dr. Frank Zak - tel. 544- 2542.

*SWIFT RIVER SCHOOL - $300 LCC grant - "Celebrating Diversity - Swift River" is the third year of multicultural, interdisciplinary arts programming produced by the 1794 Meetinghouse, in this instance in collaboration with Swift River Elementary School. The details for this school project and its schedule are essentially the same as those described above for "Celebrating Diversity - Mahar". Contact person - Mr. Leonard Strauss - tel. 544-6926.

The following 4 grants paid for 85% of admissions costs for 22 students:

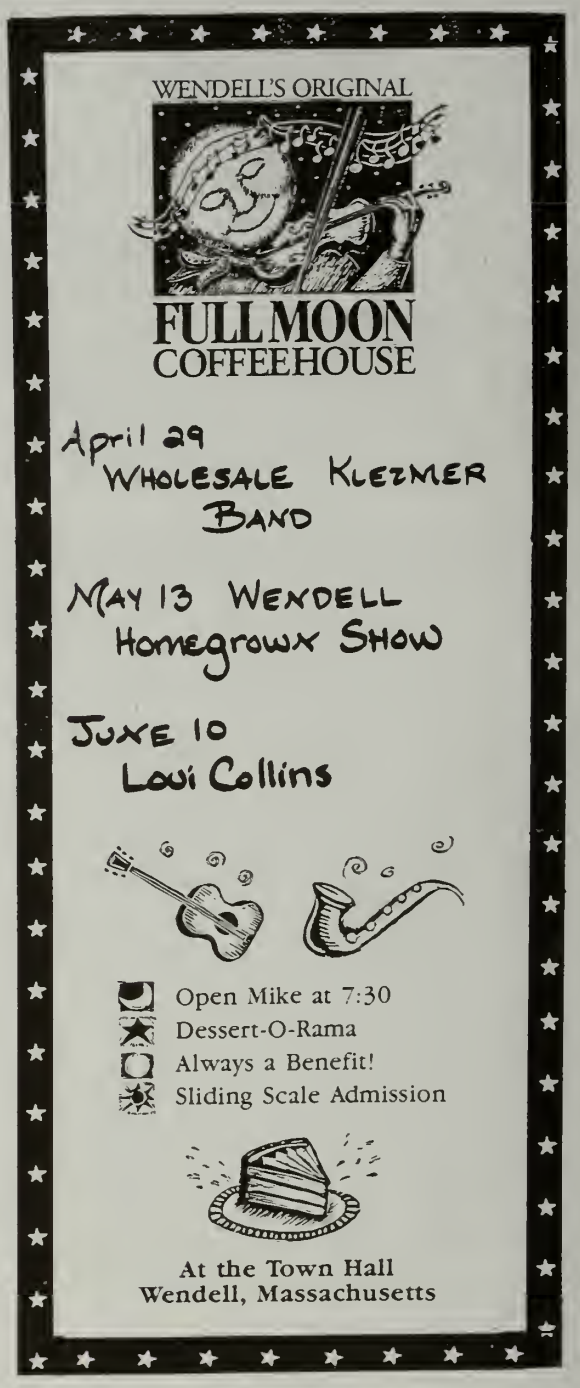
SWIFT RIVER SCHOOL - one $75 PASS grant and one $74 PASS grant for attendance at two CONCERTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE - at UMA Amherst Fine Arts Center; "Mozart, Monsters and Matisse", Nov. 22, 1994 and "Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater", May 3,1995.

SWIFT RIVER SCHOOL - two $66 PASS grants for two visits to the SHEA THEATER PERFORMANCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE SERIES - "Creation Myths from Africa", Feb. 7,1995 and "The Water Tree", April 13, 1995.

The WCC thanks you for your interest and hopes you will be able to attend and/or take part in some or many of these programs.

At this time WCC members are Fran Doughty (treasurer), Bob Ellis, Marcelle Feltman, Jake Graton (chairperson), Gloria Kegeles, Ann Marie Meltzer and Kim Noyes (secretary).

Ina Phelps



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